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MINUTES June 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Dan Marconi John Rotondo Martha Mark Michael Rappa John DelVecchio, Jr. Kathleen Bivona Jane Devoe Debbie Lamberti Carl Massaro Mary Ellen Lemay (8:13 p.m.) Perry Molinoff Tom Ragonese Mary Beth Thornton Mark Altieri Chad Ciocci Jeffry Jenkins Dan Helfrich Matt Reale

ABSENT: Steve Lupien, John Sowka, Charley Pitcher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the May 7, 2007 regular meeting were accepted as presented with unanimous consent. The Minutes of the May 23, 2007 special meeting were accepted as presented with unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Trumbull High School Building Committee update

Jim Nugent, Chairman of the Trumbull High School Building Committee explained that the new classrooms and the Commons addition have been completed. His committee will be interviewing architects later this month. The purchase of the portables has been completed.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC21-183: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Dana Lonergan, 115 N. Stowe Place, as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2011.

^{*} Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on May 30, 2007 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 16-0

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC21-184: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Joseph Ruospo, 25 Moose Hill Road, as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to September 1, 2009.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on May 30, 2007 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 16-0

Ms. Lemay arrived at 8:13 p.m.

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC21-177: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Ms. Biyona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Michael Vartuli, 75 Daniels Farm Road, as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Beverly Brignolo for a term extending to September 1, 2007.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on May 30, 2007 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 17-0

- Item 4. RESOLUTION TC21-178: HELD IN COMMITTEE
- Item 5. RESOLUTION TC21-148: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of James Steidlmayer of 139 Teller Road as a member of the Golf Course Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 17-0

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC21-185: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. Reale

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Resolution TC20-53 which established a Building Committee comprised of 8 regular members appointed by the Town Council plus 2 additional members appointed by the Chairman of the Town Council for the purpose of renovating and expanding Trumbull High School; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution was amended by Resolution TC20-97 in connection with funding the costs of such renovation and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC20-53 was amended by Resolution TC 20-203 to include an appropriation to fund the rental of portable classrooms in connection with the renovation and expansion of Trumbull High School; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution was amended by Resolution TC20-217 to allow the completion and financing of an additional phase of such renovation and expansion consisting of the construction of three (3) new classroom laboratories, and the construction of thirteen(13) new classrooms and the expansion of the existing Commons, and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC20-53 was amended by Resolution TC21-29 in connection with the costs associated with the renovation and expansion of Trumbull High School; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution was amended by Resolution TC21-139 to provide additional funds for the renovation and expansion of Trumbull High School; and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC20-53 was amended by Resolution TC21-180 in connection with the costs associated with the "Like New" renovation and expansion of Trumbull High School; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution TC 20-53 is hereby further amended by increasing the number of regular members appointed to the Trumbull High School Building Committee to ten (10) plus the two (2) additional members appointed by the Chairman of the Town Council.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and voted 3-1-1 (Opposed: Mark, Abstention: Ciocci) to recommend.

Minority Leader Carl Massaro and members of his caucus believe the committee is large enough and that the addition of 2 more members for a total of 12 will be unwieldy. They do not care for the idea of splitting into subcommittees and would prefer the committee continue to work together as a whole. Mr. Jenkins stated the current committee works

together cohesively and that he had not heard any members mention subcommittees or the desire to increase the committee's size.

VOTE: Passed 10-6-2 (Opposed: Jenkins, Massaro, Deyoe, Ciocci, Lamberti, Mark; Abstention: Rappa, DelVecchio)
*Chairman Altieri voted on this item.

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC21-186: Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That ______of ______, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Building Committee.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and amended by inserting the name of Lori King of 5014 Madison Avenue. They voted 3-1-1 (Opposed: Mark, Abstention: Ciocci) to recommend as amended.

Committee report was accepted as an amendment with unanimous consent.

VOTE: Passed 15-2 (Opposed: Jenkins, Massaro)

Minority Leader Carl Massaro stated that he believes the autonomy of the committee may potentially be compromised with the appointment of a member of another Board or Commission. He does not believe it is an appropriate practice.

Town Attorney Dan Schopick explained that this is a temporary committee which exists for a specific purpose and as such, Ms. King's appointment is allowed under the Charter.

VOTE: Adopted 12-5 (Opposed: Jenkins, Massaro, Deyoe, Lamberti, Mark) as amended

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC21-187: Moved by Ms. Lamberti, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That ______ of ______, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Building Committee.

Ms. Lemay recused herself and left the room at 8:32 p.m. because a relative is being considered for this appointment.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and amended by inserting the name of Arthur Lemay of 50 Turkey Meadow Road. They voted 5-0 to recommend.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment with unanimous consent.

VOTE: Passed 12-3-1 (Opposed: Mark, Massaro, Jenkins; Abstention: Rappa)

Minority Leader Carl Massaro asked this appointment be postponed until his party's Town Committee has the opportunity to meet.

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to postpone.

VOTE: Passed 14-0-2 (Abstention: DelVecchio, Bivona)

Ms. Lemay returned to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC21-188: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the scope of the Trumbull High School Building Committee is hereby expanded to include work related to the Agriscience/Biotechnology grant application.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Steve Sirico, School Business Administrator explained approximately \$125,000 worth of equipment was approved last year. The equipment ranges from special microscopes to projectors. The approval of the legislative body of the Town is a requirement under the application process.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

(After TC21-190, Council voted to make this emergency legislation)

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC21-189: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the preparation of schematic drawings and outline of specifications for the equipment designated in the Agriscience/Biotechnology grant application is hereby authorized.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

(After TC21-190, Council voted to make this emergency legislation)

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC21-190: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools, be and the same is hereby authorized to file the ED 049 Agriscience/Biotechnology grant application for State Project TMP-144-SLCH.

Committee report: Education Committee met on May 31, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Mr. Massaro to make RESOLUTIONS TC21-188, TC21-189, and TC21-190 emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC21-191: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That the purchase by the Town of Trumbull of the single family residence and real property known as 34 Round Hill Road and 1445 Huntington Turnpike for the sum of \$3,455,000 is hereby approved.

Committee report: L&A Committee met May 30, 2007 and voted 5-0-1 (Abstention: Rappa) to recommend.

Attorney Dan Kryzanski, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee explained this large parcel is across from Wildflower Lane. The Seller and the Committee each had an appraisal done. The agreed upon purchase price is the midpoint between the two appraisals.

VOTE: Passed 16-0-1 (Abstention: Rappa)

Item 13. RESOLUTION TC21-192: Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Trumbull a grant application for Local Capital Improvement Program to obtain financial assistance pursuant to Public Act 87-854, allocation for 2007.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on May 29, 2007 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 14. RESOLUTION TC21-193: Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Rotondo

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Engineering Services & Fees-Professional 01030500-522202.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on May 29, 2007 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained that an engineering study must be presented to the Department of Environmental Protection before they will consider any other plans involving the Pequonnock Valley. Depending on the scope of the project, the Army Corps. of Engineers may also have to approve it. The engineering study must be done to start the process.

The Engineering firm was recommended by our municipal planning organization which is a 6 town coalition. This is a regionally-endorsed project.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 15. RESOLUTION TC21-194: Moved by Mr. Ragonese, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$28,000 is hereby transferred from Town Hall Capital and Non-Recurring 47120000-581888 to Capital Outlay 01013800-581888.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on May 29, 2007 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 16. RESOLUTION TC21-196: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Ms. Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED, That the five-year capital improvement plan is hereby approved.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on May 30, 2007 and voted 4-2 (Opposed: Jenkins, Massaro) to recommend.

VOTE: Passed 11-6 (Opposed: Mark, Lamberti, Ciocci, Deyoe, Jenkins, Massaro)

Item 17. RESOLUTION TC21-197: Moved by Mr. Rappa, seconded by Ms. Biyona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney, be and the same, is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as Lou Daconto v. Trumbull Housing Authority, et al, Docket No. CV 03-4007847.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on May 30, 2007 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Molinoff. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink, Council Clerk